IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

MONDAY, THE 5TH FEBRUARY 2007 / 16TH MAGHA 1928

WP(C).No. 1462 of 2007(Y)

PETITIONER:

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1. C.S.APPU,
   JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT, SUB REGISTRARS OFFICE,
   MEENACHIL, KOTTAYAM DISTRICT.

2. P.G.GOPI,
   JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT, SUB REGISTRARS OFFICE,
   PUTHENCRUZ, ERNAKULAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.V.P.REGHURAJ

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF REGISTRATION,
   KERALA, TRIVANDRUM.

2. STATE OF KERALA, REP. BY THE
   SECRETARY TO REGISTRATION, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
   SECRETARIAT, TRIVANDRUM.

BY GOVT.PLEADER SRI.BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 05/02/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.K.DENESAN, J

W.P.(C)NO. 1462 of 2007

Dated this the 5th day of February, 2007

JUDGMENT

The petitioners are Junior Superintendents in the Registration Department. The dispute relating to the interse seniority among the ministerial employees, particularly, the Lower Division Clerks and still higher categories in terms of Rule 27 of KS&SSR has been finally settled by the authoritative pronouncement of the apex Court in **K.P.Sudhakaran v State of Kerala** (2006(2) KLT 817). Counsel for the petitioners submits that unless expeditious steps are taken to fix the seniority and assign ranks to the respective incumbents belonging to the categories concerned, persons like the petitioners will not be able to enjoy the fruits of the litigation. The first petitioner is due to retire form service by the end of March 2007, and therefore, directions are necessary for completing the process within a time frame.

2. Government Pleader, on instructions, submits that a period of six months is required to take follow up action pursuant to Ext.P3 judgment.

3. Having considered relevant aspects, I direct that the respondents shall complete the exercise pursuant to Ext.P3 judgment, within a maximum period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of the judgment.

The writ petition is disposed of with the above directions.

K.K.DENESAN, JUDGE

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